(e) and (f) Indian Airlines centralised Call Centre facility is available on 'All India' basis round the clock by dialing help line number 1407 or toll free number 1800-180-1407 through BSNL/MTNL lines. The Call Centre provides arrival/departure, seat availability status, fares, schedule, reservations , information on schemes and packages, tele-check, dial-a-ticket and other assistance. The Call Centre also has out bound sections located at six metros giving information on delayed/combined/re-scheduled/ disrupted flights. This information is also dissemisnated on all India basis to the passengers of affected flights through SMS facility on their mobils contacts from Call Centre at Delhi.

Investment made in Civil Aviation sector

1343. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any investment in the Civil Aviation sector in the country particularly in the State of Sikkim; and

(b) if so, the details of investment made during each of the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes. Sir. In respect of State of Sikkim, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Airports Authority of India and State Government of Sikkim for the construction of a Greenfield airport at Pakyong at an estimated cost of Rs. 340 crores.

(b) The State-wise details of investment made (Rupees in crores) during 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 are: Andaman Nicobar Island-0.37, 1.04, 1.22; Andhra Pradesh-33.22, 77.59, 66.75; Assam-3.47, 7.11, 26.50; Bihar-12.66, 17.93, 9.74; Chhattisgarh-0.63, 1.27, 4.98; Delhi-42.12, 51.40, 86.68; Goa-2.42, 2.32, 2.21; Gujarat-32.57, 19.91, 35.92; Himachal Pradesh-4.41, 3.53, 8.10; Jammu & Kashmir-4.91, 6.46, 26.57; Jharkhand-0.45, 1.57, 2.19; Karnataka-3.52, 7.89, 32.07; Kerala-13.25, 25.12, 28.33; Lakshadweep Island-0.18, 0.06, 0.12; Madhya Pradesh-13.29, 14.49, 13.71; Maharashtra-50.94, 77.65, 137.88; Manipur-7.38, 1.95, 1.72; Meghalaya-0.67, 0.28, 0.09; Mizoram-0.00, 0.01, 0.00; Nagaland-3.25, 2.54, 1.52; Orissa-0.79, 5.05, 9.19; Punjab-25.94, 27.41, 20.09; Rajasthan-21.47, 6.80, 9.32; Tamil Nadu-34.25, 69.84, 95.36; Tripura-11.98, 3.67, 1.86;

Pondicherry-0.02, 0.00, 0.00, Chandigarh-0.30, 1.43, 0.89; Uttar Pradesh-24.34, 11.92, 9.04; Uttaranchal-0.17, 0.04, 1.31; West Bengal-23.14, 36.27, 54.97 respectively.

New civil air strip in Bareilly

†1344. SHRI VEER PAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for a civil air strip near air force air strip in Bareilly is pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the work on it will commence; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Opposition to Open Sky Policy

1345. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any objection and opposition to Open Sky Region by Government with ASEAN countries;

(b) if so, whether it is due to the inefficient, incipient handling of Indian Airlines and Air India while small countries like Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia are likely to dominate through their air services in the sky by 2010; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to fend the loss making airlines in such a way that undue profit and supremacy of private airlines India are stiffled by extra efforts while throwing away the obsolete policy and mind set of Indian Airlines and Air India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) No decision has been taken, as yet, to join the proposed open sky agreement with ASEAN countries.

Passengers carried by airlines

1346. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.